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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
TASK FORCE.

1 WHEREAS, the fiscal and social costs of substance abuse and  
2 disorders on Hawaii's health care system are unsustainable; and  
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4 WHEREAS, while the cycle of substance abuse is a financial  
5 and social burden on the State's health care system, it is also  
6 a treatable disease; and  
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8 WHEREAS, recent studies in the science of addiction have  
9 led to significant advances in drug abuse treatment that help  
10 people successfully manage their addictions and resume  
11 productive lives; and  
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13 WHEREAS, research has shown that approximately seventy  
14 percent of addiction and mental health costs can be averted by  
15 effectively providing treatment before the onset of more serious  
16 chronic conditions; and  
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18 WHEREAS, the issue of how to deal with marijuana has been  
19 the subject of recent consideration within the Legislature; and  
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21 WHEREAS, in the Regular Session of 2015, the Legislature  
22 has considered measures to legalize marijuana, decriminalize  
23 marijuana, and establish medical marijuana dispensaries; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the Legislature has also considered S.B. No. 1036  
26 during the Regular Session of 2015, which would establish a task  
27 force within the Department of Health to address health care and  
28 payment reform steps to implement an effective addiction  
29 treatment system as a component of health care to improve  
30 outcomes and reduce overall health care costs; and  
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32 WHEREAS, the Legislature has been asked to consider  
33 implementing the Uniform Collateral Sanctions and



1 Disqualifications Act that would, among other things, require  
2 courts to advise defendants of the collateral sanctions  
3 triggered by a plea and provide for certificates of  
4 rehabilitation, which would allow qualifying individuals to have  
5 rights restored; and

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7 WHEREAS, studies indicate that in some states, marijuana  
8 offenders can avoid a criminal conviction by successfully  
9 completing a diversion program or entering a deferred entry of  
10 judgment; and

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12 WHEREAS, this body believes that the task force established  
13 by the Department of Health would be well situated to review the  
14 Uniform Collateral Sanctions and Disqualifications Act and  
15 report back with recommendations; now, therefore,

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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the  
19 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
20 Health is requested to convene a substance abuse task force to  
21 address health care and payment to implement an effective  
22 addiction treatment system and justice system reform steps to  
23 reduce the toll of collateral sanctions, with the goal of  
24 improving overall outcomes and reducing the financial and social  
25 costs of drug use; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to:

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29 (1) Provide multi-disciplinary teams to review and  
30 recommend policy changes in state and insurer systems  
31 for substance use disorders;  
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33 (2) Utilize the federal model of recovery-oriented system  
34 of care as outlined by the Substance Abuse and Mental  
35 Health Services Administration;  
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37 (3) Continue to integrate primary health care with  
38 addiction treatment by providing education and  
39 training to primary care providers on screening, brief  
40 interventions for mild or moderate substance use  
41 disorder conditions, and referrals to specialized



- 1 substance use disorder treatment for moderate to  
2 chronic conditions;  
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- 4 (4) Develop a treatment program for mild to moderate  
5 conditions for substance use disorders and co-  
6 occurring disorders;  
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- 8 (5) Support transitional care management for emergency  
9 rooms to deal with patients with chronic substance use  
10 disorders or co-occurring disorders;  
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- 12 (6) Ensure Quest members and uninsured patients have  
13 adequate access to all modalities of substance abuse  
14 treatment, including residential, day treatment, and  
15 outpatient treatment, that meets minimum levels of  
16 utilization according to medical necessity;  
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- 18 (7) Develop offender re-entry programs that target  
19 offenders with chronic substance use disorders or co-  
20 occurring disorders so that needed services can be  
21 accessed immediately;  
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- 23 (8) Design payment reform models for reimbursement that  
24 adequately address the complex care needed for super  
25 users or other chronic conditions of substance use  
26 disorders or co-occurring disorders and that promote  
27 collaboration and consider risk adjustments;  
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- 29 (9) Determine the additional amount of funding needed to  
30 improve outcomes and reduce overall health care  
31 spending by providing funding for all modalities,  
32 including residential, day treatment, intensive  
33 outpatient, outpatient, and aftercare, for substance  
34 use disorders, co-occurring disorders, criminality,  
35 dual services, case management, peer mentoring, and  
36 recovery-oriented services; and  
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- 38 (10) Examine the Uniform Collateral Sanctions and  
39 Disqualifications Act and make policy recommendations  
40 on whether the Legislature should adopt the Act; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health  
2 request the following persons to participate in the task force:

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- 4 (1) The Director of Health or the Director's designee, who  
5 shall serve as the chairperson of the task force;  
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- 7 (2) One member of the House of Representatives, to be  
8 appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
9 Representatives;  
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- 11 (3) One member of the Senate, to be appointed by the  
12 President of the Senate;  
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- 14 (4) The Director of Human Services or the Director's  
15 designee;  
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- 17 (5) The Director of Public Safety or the Director's  
18 designee;  
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- 20 (6) One member representing the Hawaii Substance Abuse  
21 Coalition, to be invited by the chairperson of the  
22 task force;  
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- 24 (7) One member representing the Hawaii Medical  
25 Association, to be invited by the chairperson of the  
26 task force;  
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- 28 (8) One member representing the University of Hawaii John  
29 A. Burns School of Medicine's Department of  
30 Psychiatry;  
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- 32 (9) One member representing the Drug Policy Forum of  
33 Hawaii;  
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- 35 (10) One member representing a Hawaii inpatient or  
36 emergency room hospital, to be invited by the  
37 chairperson of the task force; and  
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- 39 (11) Any other member as assigned by the task force; and  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force submit a  
42 preliminary report of its progress to the Legislature no later



than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be dissolved on June 30, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Senate President, Director of Human Services, Director of Public Safety, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Hawaii Medical Association, Chair of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry, and Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii.

OFFERED BY:







